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## BEFORE THE ARIZONA COI

WILLIAM A. MUNDELL CHAIRMAN

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**COMMISSIONER** 

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS OF OHIO, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE CUSTOMEROWNED PAY TELEPHONE SERVICE IN THE

8 STATE OF ARIZONA

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## BY THE COMMISSION:

Having considered the entire record herein and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission finds, concludes, and orders that:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On November 21, 2001, American Communications of Ohio, Inc. ("Applicant") filed with the Commission an application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("Certificate") to provide customer-owned pay telephone ("COPT") service in the State of Arizona.
- 2. In Decision No. 55817 (December 10, 1987), the Commission found that COPT providers were public service corporations subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 3. In Decision No. 57797 (April 8, 1992), the Commission adopted A.A.C. R14-2-901 through R14-2-909 to regulate COPT providers.
- 4. Decision No. 58535 (February 14, 1994) adopted a Generic Tariff that establishes rates and minimum service standards applicable to COPT service.
- 5. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-282, the Commission may issue Decisions regarding COPT Certificates without a hearing.
- 6. Applicant has requested that a Certificate be granted and has indicated that it will provide COPT service pursuant to the rates, terms and conditions specified in the Generic COPT Tariff.

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1	7.	Applicant does not presently provide COPT services in Arizona.
2	8.	On April 2, 2002, the Commission's Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") filed a Staff
3	Report, recom	mending approval of the application without a hearing.
4	9,	Staff stated that the Applicant has provided a copy of its customer information placard
5	in compliance	with the Generic Tariff.
6	10.	Staff also stated that increased pay telephone availability is in the public interest.
7		CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
8	1.	Applicant is a public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV of the
9	Arizona Cons	titution and A.R.S. §§ 40-281 and 40-282.
10	2.	The Commission has jurisdiction over Applicant and the subject matter of the
11	application.	
12	3.	The provision of COPT service in Arizona by Applicant is in the public interest.
13	4.	Applicant is a fit and proper entity to receive a Certificate for providing COPT service
14	in Arizona.	
15	5.	Staff's recommendations in Findings of Fact No. 8 is reasonable and should be
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ORDER IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Application of American Communications of Ohio, Inc. for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for authority to provide customer-owned pay telephone service in Arizona shall be, and the same is, hereby granted IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately. BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, BRIAN C. McNEIL, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 20th day of LUND, 2002. **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY** DISSENT MES:dap 

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